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## Rally to Bridge Communities Advances Racial Equity Here

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Rally speakers and a drummer from the drumming group gather for a group photo during the Rally for Change, a gathering to promote unity and advance racial equality, on Wednesday, May 25.

Around 70 people rallied in a show of unity on the Library/Community Center lawn on the evening of May 25, promoting the theme of Bridging Communities to Stop the Violence and Advance Racial Equity. Many

Greenbelt groups working for justice participated in the rally, including Connecting Across Greenbelt, Drumming for Wellness, Greenbelt Bahá'í Community, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GRE), Greenbelt Voices

Rising, Positive Chalk DC, Prince George's Changemakers, Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition, Stribble District, LLC and The SPACE: Free Art For All.

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## Council Meeting Covers Rental Help, ARPA Funding, Taxes

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt City Council meeting of May 23 had several speakers during the petitions and requests segment of the meeting. Two are discussed in a separate story that will be printed next week. Three of the other speakers were concerned with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spend-

ing, particularly as it related to immediately-needed rental assistance. Bill Orleans stated that he thought more of the ARPA money should be prioritized for helping people, rather than finishing projects that weren't covered due to the shortfalls in revenues. His slogan was "people not projects."

Douglas Frein (Franklin Park), accompanied by a CASA de Maryland representative, stated that many were still in need of getting back on their feet with rental assistance. He said it was "hard to get out of the hole" and

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Greenbelt Pool is open for the summer and well-attended on Monday, May 30.

## Greenbelt's Memorial Day Service Offers Wreaths, Rifles and Taps

by Amy Hansen

Five wreaths were placed at the Greenbelt War Memorial. Four rifles fired blanks into the air. Taps played and approximately 100 attendees stood to honor the dead.

Greenbelt's Memorial Day service – held in Roosevelt Center on Monday, May 30 – ended with a feeling of completion that had been missing during the pandemic's virtual events.

Run by Greenbelt American

Legion Post 136, Post Commander Mike Moore welcomed all members of the Greenbelt City Council, County Council-member Todd Turner, State Delegate Nicole Williams and U.S. Representative Anthony Brown (Maryland District 4).

Mayor Emmett Jordan, before reading the city's proclamation in honor of Memorial Day,

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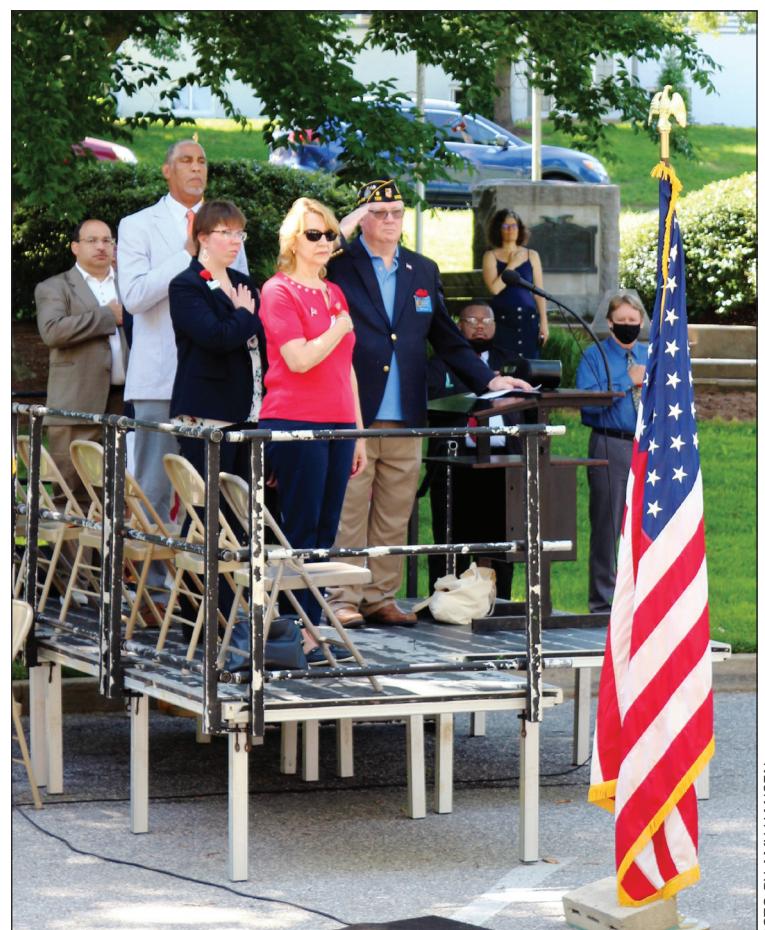


PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

At the beginning of the Greenbelt Memorial Day celebration, veterans and civilians salute the flag.

## Public Works Discusses Budget, Capital Projects with City Council

by Matthew Arbach

The city's Public Works Department has as their mission to preserve, maintain and improve

### What Goes On

**Saturday and Sunday, June 4 - 5**

Greenbelt Day Weekend. See page 5 for planned events.

**Monday, June 6**

7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting: Budget Adoption, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, June 8**

7:30 p.m. Council Worksession: ARPA Spending Plan, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov) for more information.

the city's infrastructure, parks and green spaces. They are essential workers, to be considered one of the city's first responders. On May 16, Public Works Co-Directors Brian Kim and Brian Townsend, along with Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles, shared with council their budget needs for the upcoming fiscal year and capital projects that will require city funding.

The new cleaning and maintenance protocols put in place due to the pandemic have raised the department's workload by 20 to 30 percent. Townsend, in a memo to council, stated that their employees "continue to go above and beyond in order to keep staff and citizens safe." Mayor Emmett Jordan emphasized that all this was accomplished without

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# Letters to the Editor

## Greenbelt Road Plan Potential Benefits

The article "Greenbelt Road Proposal Cuts Lanes, Speed to Be Safer for All" in the May 26 issue missed the mark on describing the character of the Corridor Plan. By focusing on things taken away, the article neglected to note the potential for benefit that the Plan represents.

The features of the Greenbelt Road (MD 193) Corridor Plan which most excite me are:

Pedestrian and bicycle lanes, separated from the road, linking Greenbelt to Berwyn Heights and College Park.

Street trees that shelter pedestrians, reduce heat and improve the appearance of our community.

Upgrades to transit facilities for bus riders.

New links that connect existing pedestrian and cycling trails.

Improved light-timing to optimize traffic flow.

Simplified intersections that reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts.

The Corridor Plan proposes a safe and enjoyable pedestrian route that connects neighborhoods. If the plan is successful, perhaps someday we'll extend the trails all the way from Route 1 to Eleanor Roosevelt High School or even Goddard.

I encourage Greenbelters to review the plan and consider what improvements we might achieve. It may cost us an under-used lane or two, but imagine what we'll gain in exchange!

Matt Sickle



## Pride Fest Kickoff Pride Month June 4

The Greenbelt Pride Fest sponsored by Greenbelt Voices Rising, GreenBELT Pride and PGC Pride will be held on Saturday, June 4 at Roosevelt Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Kick off pride month by celebrating the LBGTQIA+ Community with live performances by recording artist Yannick Taylor and outstanding speakers.



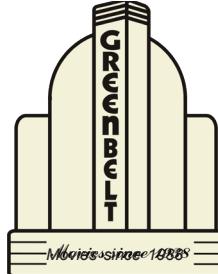
Nile virus, SARS, tick fever, Lyme disease, Monkey Pox ... it's a jungle out there!

This cartoon by Izzy Parker, which ran in the News Review on June 3, 2003, is surprisingly relevant.



Peonies in front of the New Deal Café

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SUN. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM

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MON. 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

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**SCREEN 2**

SAT. 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM

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SUN. 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM

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MON. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:30

PM **SCREEN 2**

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MON. 1:00 PM **SCREEN 1**

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Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Benediction

Written and directed by acclaimed filmmaker Terence Davies, *Benediction* explores the turbulent life of poet Siegfried Sassoon (Jack Lowden). The writer and soldier was a complex man who was decorated for his bravery in World War I but became a vocal critic of the government's continuation of the war when he returned from service. His poetry was inspired by his experiences on the Western Front, and he became one of the leading war poets of the era. Adored by members of the aristocracy as well as stars of London's literary and stage world, he embarked on affairs with several men as he attempted to come to terms with his homosexuality. At the same time, broken by the horror of war, he made his life's journey a quest for salvation, trying to find it within the conformity of marriage and religion.

Rated PG-13, running time 137 minutes

### The Northman

From visionary director Robert Eggers, the film is an action-filled epic that follows a young Viking prince on his quest to avenge his father's murder. Prince Amleth (Alexander Skarsgård) is on the verge of becoming a man when his father (Ethan Hawke) is brutally murdered by his uncle (Claes Bang), who kidnaps the boy's mother (Nicole Kidman). Two decades later, Amleth is now on a mission to save his mother, kill his uncle and avenge his father.

Rated R, running time 140 minutes

### Monday Matinee

### Charade (1963)

After Regina Lampert (Audrey Hepburn) falls for the dashing Peter Joshua (Cary Grant) on a skiing holiday in the French Alps, she discovers upon her return to Paris that her husband has been murdered. Soon, she and Peter are giving chase to three of her late husband's World War II cronies, Tex (James Coburn), Scobie (George Kennedy) and Gideon (Ned Glass), who are after a quarter of a million dollars the quartet stole while behind enemy lines. But why does Peter keep changing his name?

Not rated, 113 minutes

# Community Events

## Bicyclists: Take Note!



The GHI bicycle repair station stands ready.

Although May's Bike Month has passed, bicycling season is still underway. For those minor repairs, or just a shot of air in the tires to get cyclists on their way, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) bicycle repair station stands ready to assist.

The station includes tools for basic maintenance and that all-important tire pump to keep PSI up. The GHI Board and the Bicycle Committee invite riders to check it out at its location adjacent to the GHI maintenance building, 1 Hamilton Place, near the flagpole.

## Greenbelt Museum Offers Mini-Tours

During Greenbelt Day Weekend, the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road will be open on Sunday, June 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. for free mini-tours. The house features furniture designed by the federal government to fit Greenbelt homes, objects and artifacts used by a typical middle-class family during the years 1937 to 1952, hands-on items for kids and much more. Reservations are not required. For more information, visit [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).

## City Notes

Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Celebration of Spring offered family activities and community outreach by Darren Stephenson of CARES. The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) hosted a poetry event at Schrom Hills Park, accommodated by park rangers.

For Memorial Day ceremonies, Horticulture/Parks beautified plantings around Roosevelt Center. At Sustainability/Environmental's birding workshop, seven residents identified 23 different species in Buddy Attick Park.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.04 tons of refuse and 12.18 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance installed a wall air conditioner in the Greenbelt Museum.

The Greenbelt Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Astronomy and Greenbelt Unplugged met at the Community Center. The Gallery's new installation, Notation with Harmony, features paintings by instructor Sally Davies.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, the outdoor pool opened and Arts staff hosted a raku workshop. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated a Golden Age Club art workshop. Three families received financial assistance, meals were delivered to 27 seniors and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program's produce distribution served 297 households.

## Art Show Reception Opens Sunday, June 5

Paintings by Sally JK Davies are on display starting Sunday, June 5 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Celebrate the opening of "Notation with Harmony" at the Community Center Art Gallery. This exhibition features a survey of brilliant watercolor, acrylic and "mosaic" paintings by Davies, a Greenbelt resident and Greenbelt Recreation ARTS instructor. At the reception, enjoy a special screening of time-lapse videos produced by Davies showing the creation of select paintings. This program is part of an Artful Afternoon.

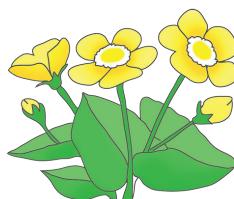
The exhibition of Davies' artwork will continue through August 19. The Art Gallery is open daily. Normal hours are: Mondays – Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For holiday hours, call 301-397-2208.

Visit [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts) for additional program information. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Golden Agers to Lunch With T. Turner June 10

Starting in June, the Greenbelt Golden Agers will be meeting in person. However, there will be no meeting on June 8 since County Councilmember Todd Turner has invited the group to a luncheon on Friday, June 10. Reservations for the luncheon must be confirmed with Becky Sutfin by emailing [rsutfin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:rsutfin@greenbeltdmd.gov) or calling 240-542-2056. Space is limited. The luncheon is at 11 a.m. at the Community Center in the activity room on the ground floor; use the entrance facing the pool.

All regular meetings will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Community Center Second Floor Activity Room, #201.



## Discover Greenbelt Photo Scavenger Hunt

Summer is a great time to get out of the house and go explore. One doesn't need to take an expensive trip to discover new things – there's plenty to discover in one's own community.

To help prompt people out the door, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) and Connecting Across Greenbelt have put together a short photo scavenger hunt with prizes.

Participants can form teams or take the challenge individually. A list of treasures and pleasures is at [ruak.org/scavengerhunt](http://ruak.org/scavengerhunt).

Upon finding a treasure, snap a photo. Upon completion of the scavenger hunt, notify Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com). The first four participant(s) to complete the hunt will be awarded gift cards to one of the Flavors of Greenbelt: Restaurant Week participating restaurants.

Join in, have some fun and, most importantly, discover something new in Greenbelt.

## GIVES Membership Meeting June 11

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly membership meeting via Zoom on Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. A Zoom link will be sent to all members a week prior to the meeting.

GIVES members volunteer to transport people to medical and other necessary appointments, take care of pets during hospital stays or other times when seniors cannot, stay with members who can't be left alone so that their family can run errands, and pick up groceries or other items ordered online.

Anyone who needs help now or knows someone who may need these services, call 301-507-6580 for a membership application form. Once a member, one can request a service that will be sent to the volunteer providers. Service requests must be submitted at least four business days in advance to give time to find a match.

Because GIVES is part of a federal grant program under the auspices of the Jewish Council on Aging in Montgomery County and for insurance purposes, anyone receiving or providing services must be a GIVES member.

For more information about becoming a member, either to receive assistance or volunteer to provide services, call 301-507-6580 or send an email to [givesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:givesoffice@gmail.com). The office is staffed from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. every weekday.

## Summer YLA Program Accepting Applications

The Prince George's County Office of Human Rights is accepting applications for its Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) on a rolling basis. The special eight-week virtual summer program will run on Tuesdays from July 12 to August 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. It will introduce youth to the four pillars of its work – fighting discrimination and human trafficking, and for language access and social justice. Applications from all interested youth in Prince George's County and the region are welcome. Learn more about the YLA at [princegeorgescountymd.gov/4072/Youth-Leadership-Academy-YLA](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/4072/Youth-Leadership-Academy-YLA). YLA is thrilled about the great response received since its beginning and looks forward to providing youth the chance to explore all four areas of its work.

For questions about the YLA or any of its work, see the website above.

## Arts Advisory Board Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Discussion topics include planning for a September art crawl, and strategies to attract more visitors to the city and its arts organizations. For more information, write to [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov).

## Restaurant Week Is June 4 to 10

Flavors of Greenbelt: Restaurant Week, June 4 to 10, is a great opportunity for diners to explore the diverse restaurant scene in Greenbelt and to find a new go-to place for dining out as well as taking in a good movie at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Through this event, diners will enjoy some of the best food the area has to offer at special prices at one of the 14 participating restaurants.

Flavors of Greenbelt: Restaurant Week will help local restaurants attract new patrons, alleviating the effects of the pandemic and help diners happily get out and experience new restaurants.

Scan the QR code in the ad on page 9 or visit [ruak.org/flavors](http://ruak.org/flavors) to download a flier with discount coupons for participating restaurants. Enjoy their delicious cuisine, then take in a discounted film at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

## Financial Resources For Accessible Homes

On Tuesday, June 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will host Christal Batey from Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program for a community event via Zoom. This session will provide information about two sources of funding for home modifications to enable seniors and disabled individuals to remain in their own homes. The first program is Accessible Homes for Seniors ([dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/ahsp](http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/ahsp)) and the second is a WholeHome Grant ([dhcd.maryland.gov/residents/pages/whole-home.aspx](http://dhcd.maryland.gov/residents/pages/whole-home.aspx)). Batey will explain the programs, how they work and how individuals can apply for these funds. Register in advance for this meeting at [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYodeivqjIrGtxke40ly0dPbG-k9KHL0ebvz](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYodeivqjIrGtxke40ly0dPbG-k9KHL0ebvz).

A confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting will be sent. One does not need to be a GHI member to attend this event.

## Greenbelt PORCH Pickup Dates

The June schedule for Greenbelt PORCH collections is as follows:

Sunday, June 12: by 11 a.m. at the 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway; by 3 p.m. for Woodland Hills

Sunday, June 19: between 2 and 4 p.m. for all of Boxwood Village

Saturday, June 25: by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, June 26: by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members; by 4 p.m. for the 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Donated items must not exceed the expiration date for use.

If there's no convenient monthly food drive on the schedule, donors can help through P.A.L. by emailing Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) by noon on Sunday, June 26 with an address and leave the donation by the front door, with the word RUAK or PORCH easily visible from the street.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, can also email Goldberg-Strassler.



## GREA Meeting June 7

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) holds its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support equity, and future directions for GREA. For a link to the meeting, see [greenbeltracialequity.org/events](http://greenbeltracialequity.org/events).



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11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
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Connect with GATE [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)

# Local Volunteers Get Ready To Assist Ukrainian Refugees

by Frank Gervasi

Refugee families, mostly women and children, will be arriving soon from Ukraine. President Biden announced a few weeks ago that the U.S. will be hosting 100,000 refugees fleeing the atrocities being committed in their homeland. No families have arrived yet under this program. Some have entered through the southern border but are not eligible for government assistance.

Currently there are over 14 million Ukrainians displaced because of the Russian military invasion.

The Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA) brings refugees from worldwide conflict zones to Maryland and Virginia. They have been resettling refugees and immigrants in the U.S. since 1947. Last year they helped over 4,000 people come from primarily Afghanistan (94 percent) to the area. Immigrants they have assisted recently also came from El Salvador, Honduras, the Congo, Guatemala, Pakistan and Russia. Now they will help those from Ukraine.

LSSNCA, located at 7474 Greenway Center Drive, is one of nine national agencies contracted with the State Department to work with local communities to resettle refugees. The agency instructs volunteers on how to assist newcomers with housing and their new life in the U.S.

The Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee is working with the



Greenbelter Anna Chulaki holds a sign for the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee.

agency to make resettlement a reality here for some of these new arrivals.

There are different types of federal government immigration programs. People can arrive as refugees seeking asylum or have a special immigrant visa; some have humanitarian parole; others have temporary protected status; and children may have an unaccompanied refugee minor designation.

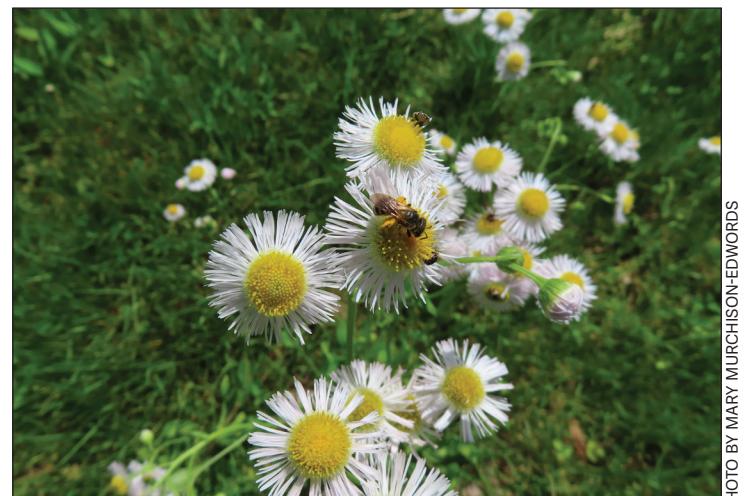
Congress passed legislation last week determining that Ukrainians will be arriving via "refugee status." That means they will be allowed to work and apply for benefits such as medical and financial assistance. The Office

of Refugee Resettlement, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will provide some benefits and the State Department will determine who enters the U.S.

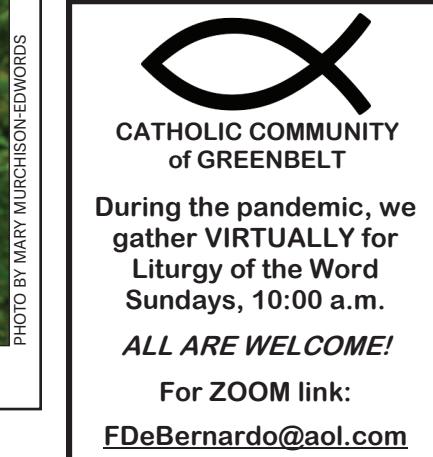
Community support plays a vital role in the success of resettlement. Government benefits are limited – LSSNCA helps by using its resources to provide training and assistance.

The Greenbelt community can provide safe housing, childcare, English instruction, jobs (those on humanitarian parole are allowed work visas) and trauma counseling, and has many concerned volunteers to help guests adjust and enjoy the hospitality of caring neighbors.

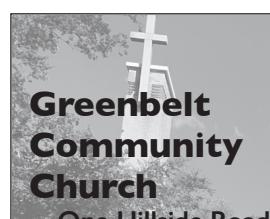
To learn more about the refugee support effort, or to donate or participate, email [Greenbeltrfugeeaid@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbeltrfugeeaid@gmail.com) or visit [Greenbeltrfugeeaid.org](http://Greenbeltrfugeeaid.org).



Pollinators on fleabane along Hanover Parkway



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Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Irene Hensel, age 89, who died on Tuesday, May 24. Irene and her husband, Richard, moved to Greenbelt shortly after they were married in 1958. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John the Baptist Church in Silver Spring on Wednesday, June 1, followed by burial in the Greenbelt Cemetery.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of longtime Greenbelt resident Betty Jo Smith on

Sunday, May 29. Viewing will be held on Saturday, June 4, 9 to 11 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville. Burial will be at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood.

Jane Huffman, a longtime (44 years) member of 5 Court Eastway, celebrated her 90th birthday last Thursday (May 26). The other members of 5 Court had a little party for her. Almost everyone was there.

Send details of your news to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Members of 5 Court Eastway gather to celebrate Jane Huffman's 90th birthday. Jane (seated and wearing hat) has lived on the court 44 years!

"Let your vision be world-embracing, rather than confined to your own self." – Bahá'u'lláh



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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even as I have loved you,  
that you also love one another."

John 13:34



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June 5 10 a.m.

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Chris McCann - DRE, Rev. Ann Kadlecik

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# City Information & Events



The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:30 pm

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Petitions and Requests

Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Small Cities Month Proclamation

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month Proclamation

National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation

\* Minutes of Council Meetings

Statement for the Record - Closed Session, May 11, 2022

Administrative Reports

\* Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

\* FY 2023 Budget Adoption; 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption

\* An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2023 Beginning July 1, 2022 and including June 30, 2023; 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption

\* A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of the City's Job Classification and Compensation Study at a Cost Not to Exceed \$100,000; 1st Reading

\* A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase for the City to contract with ATC CORP to Complete the Proposed Repairs and Resurfacing at Braden Tennis Courts 5-8, Lakecrest Tennis Courts, and Braden Tennis Court 1 at a Price Not to Exceed \$90,000; 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Pursuing Composting Projects with the Four Cities Coalition
- Start the Process for Selecting a Firm for a City Manager Search
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* Resignation from Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov)*

## FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION ¡GRATIS! DISTRIBUCION DE VERDURAS

Thursday, June 16  
1 - 3 pm

jueves, 19 de junio  
1 - 3 pm

Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

Centro Comunitario de Greenbelt  
15 Crescent Road

## GREENBRIAR PRESERVE CLEANUP

June 11 | 10 am - 1 pm

Be part of the community effort to clean up around the Greenbelt Forest Preserve's Greenbriar Tract. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff and members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board to pick up litter from the preserve.

Reminders: Bring a reusable water bottle, Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes, Students: bring community-service forms, Volunteers must register in order to participate

To Register: Contact [kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov)

## COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON POLICING

Scan the QR code to take the survey and share your opinion



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG>

The Public Safety Advisory Committee will be holding four community forums where we will have an open discussion on community policing in our city.

### QUESTIONS WE WILL BE ASKING INCLUDE:

How safe do you feel in your own home?

What public safety concerns in your neighborhood need to be addressed?

How would you rate your level of trust in the Greenbelt Police?

### FORUMS WILL BE HELD ON

June 9  
June 13  
June 16  
June 18

Greenbriar Community Room  
Springhill Lake Recreation  
Online ZOOM Meeting  
Springhill Lake Recreation

@ 7 pm LIVE, in-person  
@ 7 pm in Spanish, in-person  
@ 7 pm via ZOOM, [tinyurl.com/ydxumv4p](http://tinyurl.com/ydxumv4p)  
@ 5 pm YOUTH, in-person

*Supporting groups include the Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, and Connecting Across Greenbelt*

## MEETINGS FOR JUNE 6 - 10

Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Amendment/Approval of the Agenda, Amendment/Approval of the May Minutes, Arts Walk/Crawl Planning - September 2022, Strategic Planning for Attracting People to Greenbelt, Summer Meeting Schedule, Round Robin, Adjourn*

Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Finalization of the Upcoming Forums on Policing in the Community*

Wednesday, June 8 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of May 18, Departure Training, APB Member Report Out on May 25 Council Work Session, Staff Updates, New Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ARPA RECOMMEND SPENDING PLAN (IN-PERSON)**

Thursday, June 9 at 7:30 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

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## CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK BUDDY ATTICK PARK CLEAN UP

June 4 | 10 am - 1 pm

Set your calendars for June 4 to take part in cleaning up Buddy Attick Park from 10 am - 1 pm. Be part of the community effort to clean up around Buddy Attick Park in recognition of Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to pick up litter from around the park and to remove invasive vines from trees.

Reminders: Bring a reusable water bottle Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes Students: bring community-service forms Volunteers must register in order to participate

To Register: Contact [kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov)

## CHADWICK BOSEMAN FILM FESTIVAL AND OTHER JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES - COMING SOON!

As part of our Juneteenth celebrations, we invite you to the

**CHADWICK BOSEMAN FILM FESTIVAL**  
June 16, June 18, June 20  
Greenbelt Theatre  
129 Centerway

The festival is Free and is sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, the Old Greenbelt Theater, and RUAK.

**Saturday, June 18 | 2:30 pm**  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

Black History and Culture Committee, in collaboration with the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project, will sponsor an Award Ceremony for Students who won the Equal Justice Initiative- Essay and Art contests

Other activities for  
**Saturday, June 18 | 12 - 3 pm**  
Beltway Plaza Mall

"Freedom Poetry and Monologue" workshop with Renee' Charlow, an art therapist and former Assistant to the late Ntozake Shange.

The workshop is hosted by The SPACE: Free Art For All

Contact:  
[blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com](mailto:blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com) for information.

# GREENBELT DAY Weekend

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**11 AM** PET EXPO BLOCK PARTY  
Greenbelt Dog Park

**1 PM** NOT FOR SENIORS ONLY  
Creative Connections During COVID

**1 PM** 1st GREENBELT PRIDE FEST  
Roosevelt Center

**8:15 PM** MOVIE UNDER THE STARS  
Greenbelt National Park

*For additional information, locations, and event length visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation)*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**1 PM** ARTFUL AFTERNOON  
Greenbelt Community Center

**1 PM** MUSEUM TOURS  
Greenbelt Museum

**3 PM** GREENBELT CONCERT BAND  
Greenbelt Community Center

### LOOKING TO CELEBRATE ALL WEEK?

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### FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

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Lois Rosado spoke first, telling the crowd that, "Even though George Floyd's great-great-grandfather acquired 500 acres of farmland after being freed from slavery, that land was swindled away through tax schemes, and the family ended up as sharecroppers in Texas, a story too familiar to Black families in America." She also pointed out, in regard to the Buffalo, N.Y., supermarket shooting, "The goal of racial terror lynching is to intimidate a particular population."

Rosado advocated for the right of people of color to practice self-defense, and advised the crowd to boycott companies whose leadership promotes lies and discrimination.

Councilmember Ric Gordon and Bahá'í speaker Farinaz Firouzi offered opening remarks and prayer. Firouzi advocated for kindness, oneness, justice and unity to rebuild society by bringing forward the advances of the past. "From the coming together of people, the spreaders of truth will be raised up," she said, quoting Bahá'í writings.

Mayor Emmett Jordan brought greetings and appreciation from Greenbelt City Council. Jordan asked if the last two years had resulted in any positive change, concluding that there are now three African American councilmembers, and that the city is working hard on initiatives with the Greenbelt Police Chief to codify reforms that will make a difference. He also noted that the city is moving forward with the reparations commission. Jordan stated that things have changed "a little. There's a long, long way to go. Take personal responsibility to carry the passion and the light, and continue to work."

Greenbelter Lucy Silver spoke, stating that she does not consider herself an activist. "But I just actively care," she said. She advised starting small and taking steps where you can.

Shaymar Higgs, the current Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, is the second Black and the young-

est person to receive the accolade. His non-profit initiative, based in Beltway Plaza, is called The SPACE, which stands for Sharing Positive Artistic and Creative Energies. "This community was designed for inclusion and we are now moving that needle closer," he said. "If we can share love, we can make this a more perfect union." Since the rally was held on the Community Center lawn, the limestone scenes from the Preamble to the Constitution provided an appropriate backdrop for the speakers.

Krystal Oriahda, founder and executive director of Prince George's Changemakers, said, "We are a group of Black women who formed this organization to break down systems of racism and oppression while centering the experiences and the voices of Black women." Oriahda pointed out the danger and trauma faced daily by people of color, and stated, "It's going to take us working together. There's a lot of hate and trauma on both sides – guilt, shame – that makes it hard for white people to work through it, too." Her challenge is to "Go that next level. What else can you give of your time and resources? Donate, volunteer, research, mutual aid work, court watch and break down systems of oppression in budgets and policies." She recommends groups like GREAA and Showing Up for Racial Justice (surj.org) to whites who want to learn what Black activists need them to know.

Delegate Alonzo Washington was present at the rally and Donna Edwards, candidate for Congressional District 4, sent greetings via a staff person from her office. Rev. Ray Raynor presented a closing prayer.

Demonstrators walked to Spellman Overpass, where they held signs and wrote chalk messages on the bridge. Cars traveling on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway honked their horns in support of the signs.



The rally group marches to the Spellman Overpass.



Bob Rand writes his statement on the Spellman Overpass.

- Photos by Ian Blackwell Rogers

## Survey: Views on Racial Equity

A coalition of groups – including Connecting Across Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Bahá'í Community, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, Greenbelt Voices Rising, Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition, Stribble District, LLC and The SPACE: Free Art For All – has developed a survey to explore Greenbelt residents' perceptions on racial equity. The simple anonymous survey asks three questions:

1. What progress have you observed in advancing racial equity in Greenbelt?

2. What are the obstacles to advancing racial equity?

3. What actions can each of us take individually or with a group or organization to advance racial equity in Greenbelt? In Prince George's County? In Maryland? In the United States?

All residents are encouraged to take the survey at [equityweb.net/three-equity-questions](http://equityweb.net/three-equity-questions). The survey is meant to offer a personal reflective exercise and to provide an opportunity for residents to share and communicate perceptions on the current state of racial equity in Greenbelt.

Responses from the survey will be posted on [greenbeltracialequity.org](http://greenbeltracialequity.org). Organizers plan on presenting an analysis to the Greenbelt City Council, city staff and the upcoming Reparations Commission.

The survey expands the outreach and impact of the May 25 Bridging Communities event theme to advance racial equity.

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# Covid-19 Case Counts Go Up, Hospitalizations Remain Low

by Cathie Meetre

It's been a couple of months since the News Review had a column on Covid. The buzz is, however, that a lot more people are catching it: people who are vaccinated and boosted to the gunwales are sick after having escaped the entire pandemic to this point. Alas, it's true. However, the vaccine continues to protect – especially with boosters – from the worst ravages.

Case counts in the 20770 ZIP code have been trending up, although the optimistically inclined suspect the current peak may be past. Case numbers recorded are the tip of the iceberg, however. Actual case number totals are masked by home tests and mild illnesses where nothing is reported but testing is significantly up – though one suspects that those testing positive at home might well go for a PCR test at a facility.

The takeaway is, case number tallies are higher than they seem.

The good news is that hospitalizations are up less than cases. In fact, on Thursday, May 26, only 35 people altogether out of over 906,000 Prince Georgians were hospitalized. In addition, hospitalization statistics count patients testing positive, not patients admitted because they have Covid. A patient may have been admitted with appendicitis, cancer, a heart attack or a gunshot wound, but if they test positive, they're counted, thus overstating the counts of serious illness due to Covid.

The takeaway is, hospitalization statistics are likely artificially high.

Case and hospitalization counts aren't the whole picture, but over time the numbers change, so they provide trends. When these numbers go up or down (absent any other factors), the trends are likely real – up

is probably up, down is likely down. Currently, because the upward trend in cases is not echoed by the trend in hospitalizations – it's up but by much less – the picture is of an increase in cases but the cases are less life-threatening, though often still pretty miserable.

Interesting too is the relationship of cases to vaccination status. A recent graphic of hospitalized patients created by Luminis Health (Doctors Community and Annapolis hospitals combined) shows 29 patients hospitalized who have Covid and divides them into three groups: unvaccinated, vaccinated and boosted. In the Luminis tallies, over half (16 to 13) of those hospitalized patients are either vaccinated or boosted.

Isn't vaccination supposed to help? And indeed, yes, it does. None of the available graphics show effectively that unvaccinated people are hospitalized out of proportion to their numbers.

Patient counts alone don't show

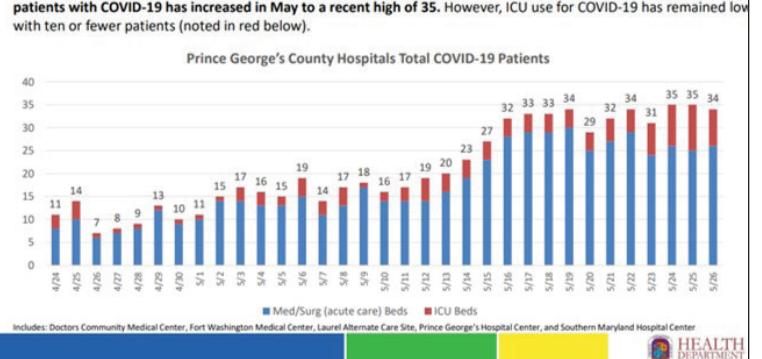
this. A rough calculation for our county shows that an unvaccinated person is much more likely to be hospitalized than a vaccinated person.

## Staying Safe

As responsibility for protection against disease reverts to the individual, trends can be used for each person to manage their own risk. Especially for the more vulnerable, following the rise and fall in cases can help individuals choose not to attend gatherings or elect to wear a mask in group situations to protect themselves when a wave is ramping up. It has for years been commonplace and socially acceptable in Japan, for example, for individuals to wear masks to protect themselves and others in public. Post-Covid, wearing a mask in Greenbelt should raise no eyebrows. But, as one of our editorial board noted during a recent local meeting, wearing masks with one's nose sticking out of the top does no good for man nor beast.

## Healthcare System Capacity: Hospitalized COVID-19 Cases

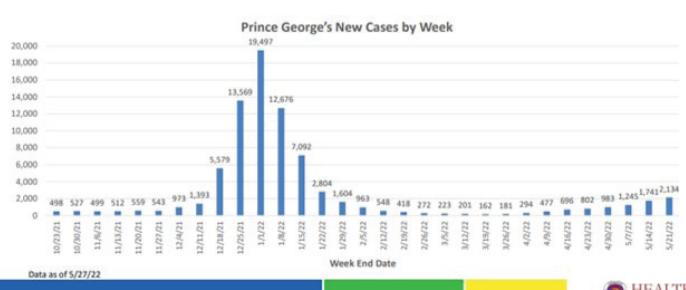
Patients with COVID-19 in our county hospitals currently use 4% of our overall hospital capacity. The number of patients with COVID-19 has increased in May to a recent high of 35. However, ICU use for COVID-19 has remained low with ten or fewer patients (noted in red below).



Hospitalized cases have increased significantly but are well below early January, which was three to four times higher. The increase seems to have leveled out, perhaps signaling the end of the current surge.

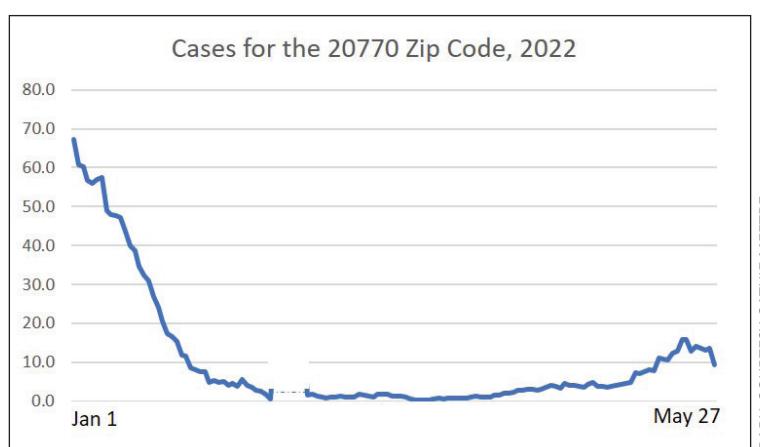
## COVID-19 Cases by Week (by test date)

Cases for the week ending 5/21/22 increased 23% from the week prior. The number of cases per week have increased every week since mid-March.



This year of case counts puts the latest surge into perspective. Although home testing means official counts are low, cases have not catapulted up as in January. Those with positive home tests may also confirm with a recorded PCR test, resulting in a larger proportion of positive official tests.

- Graphs courtesy Prince George's County Health Department



Maryland Zip code data for cases in 20770 compares the recent rise in cases with the sharp peak in early January. New cases appear to have flattened out, perhaps signaling a decline.

Data is taken from coronavirus.maryland.gov/datasets/mdcovid19-master-zip-code-cases.

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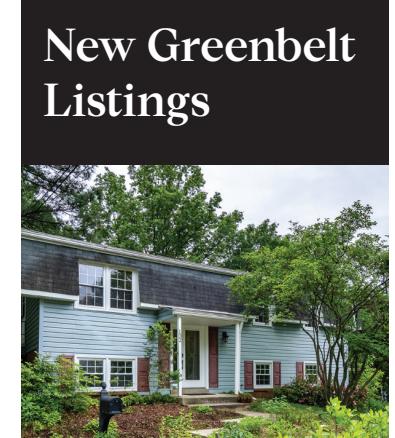
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he and others felt "caught in a trap and you can't get out." For him, it was urgent to get help because if he doesn't have his entire balance next month for a court date, he will be evicted. He pleaded with council to try to help families and children quickly instead of putting money toward anything else.

Gionni Smith also spoke on behalf of rental help. He noted that the need was immediate. He pointed out that there is a waitlist at homeless shelters (and no shelters nearby), so those evicted have nowhere to go. He described his research on the expense of potential long-term effects of eviction on society, including increases in crime and the disruption of children's education. He noted that rents have gone from \$1,600 to \$2,300, and that by the time grants are made, three or four months will have elapsed since the application and driven the original balance up. He said council has the potential to rewrite history by allocating more money to rental help.

### ARPA Funding

The oddly-named ARPA Immediate Funding agenda item, likely inspiring these several

pleas, did not in fact offer funding that was either immediate or additional. It was specifically to allow those who had already received some funding to apply for a second round. It did not apportion additional funds. Council seemed committed to keeping a discussion on additional funding to an upcoming ARPA worksession.

CARES Director Liz Park described the proposal under consideration at this meeting as a revision to the way the rental assistance program was being offered. CARES has already given out \$1.5 million in assistance and has about \$50,000 left of \$200,000 that was redirected from the homeowners' allocation. This money was originally reserved for new applications. CARES is still receiving inquiries and has a waiting list of 15 to 20 applicants in line for a first grant. They also have 20 to 30 prior grantees who are hoping for additional funds. (NOTE: The city's website recently has been updated to invite those needing rental assistance to call CARES.)

The proposal would give an additional \$4,000 to second round applicants once 90 days

had elapsed since their previous grant, but link receipt to participation in other programs to help the applicant improve their financial position longer term.

The county, with whom the city cooperates, is also still working through applications received prior to closing their list in December 2021. The process includes documentation from the landlord, who also directly receives the check. Park said the applications are from a variety of locations in the city. Those applying first go on the waitlist and once they get the application, must submit documentation which includes getting information from the landlord. Assembling documentation takes the majority of the time and once that's in hand, said Park, it is about two weeks to payment. In a related question in another agenda item, Councilmember Judith Davis asked Acting City Manager Tim George to provide information on how many evictions had taken place at Franklin Park and whether the landlord was sending copies of the notices to the city as promised.

### Taxes, Admin Reports

The council meeting also in-

cluded the second of two public hearings on real estate taxes. The proposal is that the tax rate will remain the same – but as Davis was at pains to point out, the impact is that residents' tax bills will go up because, although the rate is the same, property assessments have risen. Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that he will vote against maintaining the current tax rate and instead propose lowering it so that real estate taxes remain the same. Davis challenged the community to say which city programs should be dropped or curtailed to reduce the budget – which would be inevitable if the tax rate were to be lowered.

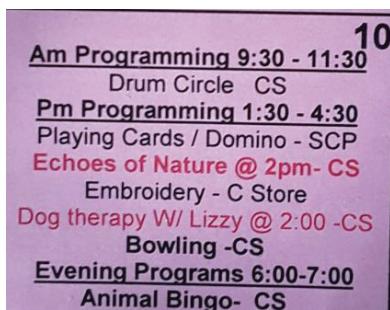
George reported that the hiring of a new director of Public Works is close but the economic development position surfaced few applicants and will be re-posted, recasting the description and extending the advertising to new sources.

George also reported that City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon had begun implementation of the new financial management software. He reported that ongoing security issues in Franklin Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center

will result in adding or repositioning cameras and lighting. City staff are organizing material from the outreach to the community to present all the ARPA suggestions in an organized format.

Mayor Emmett Jordan moved to change the title of Acting City Manager – and this agenda item was thus brought to a close by new Interim City Manager Tim George.

Jordan and Davis both reminded attendees of the standards of behavior required of both councilmembers and other attendees when speaking. This drew an immediate riposte from Orleans who averred that council was always contravening its own rules and that it does too much talking and "blurs things out." Orleans' view was: "That's not what consumes the lengthy meetings we have had in our recent past, as much as council just endlessly, endlessly, talking."



From an unwanted, homeless, disposable one, on the euthanasia list, to a loved, cherished family member.

A quick study, Lizzy was awarded a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate on October 21, 2012 with Allie Lee, Greenbelt Dog Training and passed the temperament test to qualify as a Pets on Wheels Volunteer in March 2013.

She loved her weekly visits to the residents of Arden Courts until Covid-19 restrictions began in March 2020.

Lizzy's low-key calming presence and her wonderfully sweet, gentle nature brought joy to the lives of many people.

## A TRIBUTE TO LIZZY

Spotted in Greenbelt March 24, 2012 - April 12, 2022

DOG THERAPY WITH LIZZY AT ARDEN COURTS MEMORY CARE

January 2018 - March 2020



Lizzy's Neighborhood



Photos by Yoni Siegel



Santa with Lizzy, Reindeer-in-Training, visiting her human grandmother, Bubi Irene Siegel, December 25, 2019

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF IRENE SIEGEL  
AND LIZZY'S  
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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from May 23 through May 29. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltdmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

## Missing Person

William Alexander Morales-Molina, born April 8, 2005, 5'8", 150 pounds, was last seen wearing all black clothing on May 23 at around 6 p.m. in the 6200 block of Springhill Court. If anyone comes into contact with Morales-Molina, contact Detective Dylan Davis at 240-542-2134 or [ddavis@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ddavis@greenbeltdmd.gov).

## Carjacking

On May 23 at 3:13 p.m. near Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, a man was shot during a carjacking and taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. On May 29 at 9:31 a.m. near 100 Westway, a person wielding a black and silver handgun stole a vehicle.

## Robbery

On May 27 at 12:41 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a man was robbed at knifepoint. He was injured as he fell backwards and was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

## Assault

On May 27 at 5:12 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, there was a fight between juveniles.

## Break In

On May 23 at 6:32 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a residence was rummaged through and personal property taken, with no sign of forced entry.

## Disorderly Conduct

On May 24 at 4:19 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was arrested after committing theft.

While en route to the Department of Corrections, the suspect kicked out the window of the police cruiser and attempted to escape while making suicidal statements. He was then transported to a local hospital for an emergency mental health evaluation.

On May 26 at 8:42 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman caused a disturbance at a business and was banned from the property.

## Drunk Driving

DUI arrests were made on May 27 at 10:59 a.m. near Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court, and on May 29 at 12:18 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue.

## Fraud

On May 24 at 12:22 a.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, a man was arrested after attempting to cash an altered check. On May 27 at 11:44 a.m. on Research Road, there was another instance of check fraud.

## Stolen Vehicles

A 1997 Honda Civic was stolen near 9100 Edmonston Road on May 23. A 2013 Nissan Altima was stolen near 7700 Hanover Parkway on May 24. A 2003 Toyota Avalon was stolen near 9100 Edmonston Road on May 25.

## Auto Vandalism, Theft from Auto

On May 24 near 6400 Capitol Drive, a driver-side window was shattered, and a handicap placard was stolen. On May 28

near 6000 Springhill Drive, a passenger-side window was broken and the radio was stolen. Three times, car windows were broken, but nothing was taken: May 24 near Frankfort Court and Frankfort Drive, May 28 near 9100 Springhill Lane, and May 29 near 7700 Hanover Parkway.

## Theft

On May 23 at 7:29 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a phone was snatched out of a man's hand while he was waiting at a bus stop. On May 25 near 6700 Village Park Drive, a bicycle was stolen. On May 26 at 6:54 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, two unknown individuals attempted to steal a bicycle from a balcony. When the bicycle owner confronted the suspects, they fled without taking anything.

Commercial thefts occurred near 7600 Greenbelt Road on May 24 at 8:58 a.m. and at 10:27 a.m.; on May 26 at 3:47 p.m.

near 6000 Greenbelt Road; and on May 25 at 11:43 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road. On May 24 at 3:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man was detained after shoplifting and arrested on open warrants. On May 26 at 11:59 a.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road, officers detained a suspect after a reported shoplifting and arrested the suspect on open warrants. On May 28 at 8:31 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, personal property was stolen while the victim was shopping. On May 28 at 11:19 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, personal property was stolen from a locker, and credit cards were used fraudulently.

## Vandalism

On May 24 near 100 Crescent Road, graffiti was left on the playground. On May 26 at 8:08 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a former tenant vandalized a residence.

## Community Forums On Policing Reform

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) will be holding four community forums for open discussion on community policing in the city, including one for youth and one via Zoom.

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Thursday, June 9, 7 p.m., Greenbriar Community Room

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m., Springhill Lake Recreation Center, en español,

Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m., via Zoom at [tinyurl.com/ydxumv4p](http://tinyurl.com/ydxumv4p)

Saturday, June 18, 5 p.m., Springhill Lake Recreation Center, for youth – and with free pizza!

Residents age 16 and older are also requested to complete an online survey which can be found at [surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG](https://surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG).

In addition to the currently announced forums in the city's ad on page 5, planning is underway to schedule an additional forum/s including an in-person forum in Greenbelt Center.

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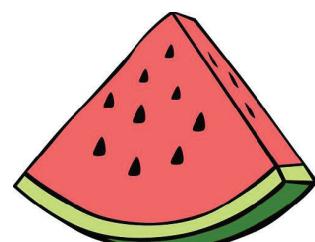
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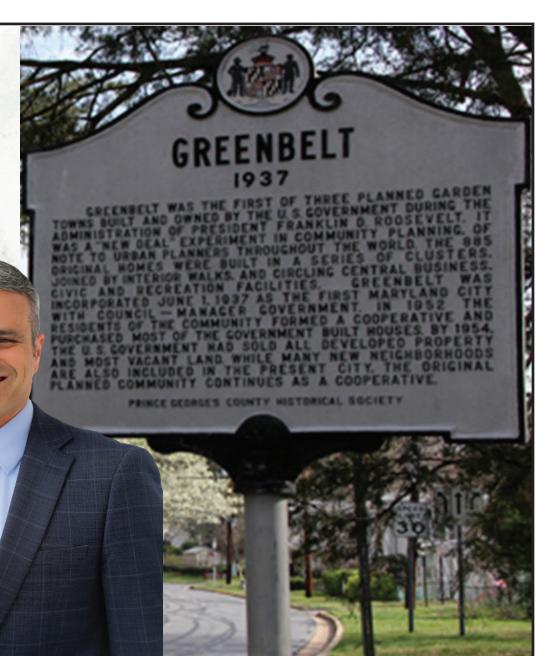
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the addition of new staff, extolling them as capable individuals who were meeting changing demands.

### Compost, Recycling

Robles reported that food scraps continue to be picked up twice a week from the Buddy Attick Park recycling station. For those seeking to produce compost at home for their own use, Public Works provides bins at a greatly reduced rate. Electronic recycling remains active, with the numbers of those participating still in the 190 to 300 range. Kim stated that this is "not a cash-flow positive" effort for the city, with the vendors accruing the majority of the profits.

Proper use of the recycling stations has posed a problem, as Kim indicated that at times there was 100 percent contamination. He felt that more education is the solution, not more bins. Robles said that a more strategic approach is called for to better situate and distinguish the bins from trash receptacles.

### Grants Received

Public Works received two large grants this past year. The first was a \$100,000 Community Legacy Grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development toward the Four Cities Waste Reduction and Education Initiative that was used for the purchase of BigBelly kiosk stations. The other was a combined amount of \$63,500 from Maryland Smart Energy Communities-Maryland Energy Administration grants that was used to install energy efficient LED lighting at the Youth Center and Public Works warehouses, as well as to add to the city's electric vehicle charging stations; all focused on helping "to reduce the city's carbon footprint," according to the memo.

The city has three Level Two electric vehicle charging stations which can accommodate two vehicles each. At present, this is enough for the city's fleet of electric vehicles, but if that

number were to increase, more stations will be needed soon.

### Ballfields, Dog Park

Townsend related that the city's sports fields are "in okay shape," with significant wear caused by unscheduled, unpermitted use by unrecognized groups. Concerning the dog park, Townsend said that efforts are moving ahead to provide water dispensers for both people and pets.

### Interns

There was a discussion on the city's use of interns, which typically are unpaid positions. Councilmember Judith Davis proposed looking into possibly providing some sort of compensation as an enticement. Kim said that Public Works normally has two interns at a time, frequently from the University of Maryland, who mainly focus on the city's Geographic Information System data mapping.

### Bus Service

The city's Greenbelt Connection bus service ridership numbers are nearly at pre-pandemic levels for weekly usage. Weekend numbers remain lower. Council debated the idea of expanding its use by offering a fixed route throughout the city in addition to its call-in service. Jordan proposed a pilot program as a first step. Kim stated that 75 percent of its use is still medical visits to Doctor's Hospital and that this should not be jeopardized. Public Works is in talks with Beltway Plaza about the idea of a circulator service as part of the proposed redevelopment plans.

### Staff Compensation

Acting City Manager Timothy George informed council that a long-planned compensation study would begin in May and be ready for review at the Fiscal Year 2024 budget deliberations. Davis viewed its delay as a problem, stating that "we may lose people in the meantime." Councilmember Ric Gordon asked if something

could be done now to compensate staff, before the study is completed. George said that staff are looking into a premium pay plan and how it can best be disbursed.

### WMATA trail

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby stated that the Greenbelt Station trail project is on hold for the moment until its full cost is estimated. At present, this is \$3 million. Hruby also said that the parking lot renovation at Buddy Attick Park should be complete enough for use during the July 4 celebration.

### Capital Projects

Public Works presented a list of upcoming capital projects, at the combined cost of \$1,390,000. It includes: a pedestrian/bicycle master plan at \$20,000; a bus stop accessibility study at \$20,000; street resurfacing on Hanover Parkway, Lastner Lane, Greenhill and Ridge Road (Southway to Gardenway) at \$900,000; miscellaneous concrete repairs on sidewalks and driveways at \$100,000; a street lighting pilot to upgrade lighting on Crescent Road and Ora Glen Drive to energy efficient LED lights at \$50,000; improvement to Greenbrook trails at \$50,000; and, a Buddy Attick Park inclusive playground at \$250,000.

According to the Capital Funds report to council, regard-

ing the playground, it would "serve children ages 2 to 12" and "create play experiences that meet a variety of needs, interests and abilities" (including wheelchair accessibility) for youth who have been long overlooked and need this type of recreation the most. Kim looked for this to "make true change" and have a "generational impact."

### Staffing

Public Works is not looking to increase its staff. Kim acknowledged that while recruiting efforts are successful, the turnover rate is high. He said that it is often "a hard sell" to attract workers at \$16.50/hour with the long-term goal of acquiring benefits and retirement after years of service. Kim explained that the strategy is "to help the lowest guy get better," creating "upward motion in the department," this being a "win/win" for all. Kim said that the Public Works Department "is a good place to work" and that it "takes a certain type of person to stick and stay. Some do and some don't."

Kim stressed that during the pandemic, all of the department "showed up and did their jobs, despite their fears." May being Public Works Month, Jordan ended the meeting by saying that "this should be Public Works Year," praising the department for doing a "fantastic job."



## Orange Line Stations Closed All Summer

The eastern end of the Metrorail Orange line – including the New Carrollton station – will be closed through Monday, September 5 as part of the final phase of the Platform Improvement Project. Metro is providing free shuttle buses along three convenient routes and offering free customer parking at all closed stations. Further information can be found at [wmata.com/about/news/Summer-2022-PIP-travel-alternatives.cfm](http://wmata.com/about/news/Summer-2022-PIP-travel-alternatives.cfm).

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## Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars Practice, Jump, Practice

The double Dutch jump rope team is rebuilding from the pandemic. They performed at Greenbelt Voices Rising in Beltway Plaza on Saturday, May 28, and plan to compete in the Junior Olympics in Greensboro, N.C., in August. They have also already participated in the Cherry Blos-

som parade in Washington, D.C., this year.

In 2021, the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. (Sensational, Inspirational, Talented Youth) Stars performed in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade and competed at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, N.Y., in December.



**Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars team member Ava Jones, 5, practices at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.**



**Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars from left, Maritza Andrews, Kennedy Davis and Brielle Kouandjio**

- Photos by Sharon Natoli

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explained that the holiday was dedicated to all service people and honored those who died in combat, but also those who died of old age, of Covid, of cancer or from suicide. "We honor them all," he noted.

The sentiment was echoed by Brown who added that, "Memorial Day is for the families of those we have lost." A retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Brown's military record spanned more than a quarter century. In 2004, he was deployed to Iraq, where he earned a Bronze Star.

"When I had the opportunity to serve in Iraq, I was less concerned about my own welfare than I was for the welfare of my family. And they were well supported," he said, thanking the people who work in American Legions and elsewhere for providing a community.

Brown, who is not running for re-election, noted he was pleased to see Democrats, Independents and Republicans come together on Capitol Hill to make sure the armed forces have what they need.

Turner, who is also not running for re-election, thanked the crowd of veterans for their service, and then asked everyone to continue in their service to the country by voting in the primary election on July 19.



**Those in attendance stand with hands on hearts during the Memorial Day ceremony.**

## Budding Golden Age Artists Make Greeting Cards & More

by Mary Moien



PHOTO BY REBEKAH SUTFIN

At the May 25 Greenbelt Golden Agers meeting, artist Mary Ann Lipovsky taught members about producing alcohol-ink abstract greeting cards. Assisted by Arts Education Specialist Amanda Larsen, the budding artists enjoyed camaraderie while creating greeting cards or other objets d'art using paints, alcohol, brushes and cans of air. Lipovsky, who participates in the annual Greenbelt Festival of Lights, indicated that this was the first time she had taught a class on painting greeting cards. A wonderful painting day was had by all.

The Golden Age Club will start weekly in-person meetings again in June. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center.



**Robin Olson shows off her finished alcohol-ink greeting cards.**

**Rita Sayer wields an air canister to spread paint while her club-mates work on their projects.**



**Azaleas bloom on Plateau Place.**

PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

## Historic House Reopens Doors After Prolonged Covid Hiatus

The Greenbelt Museum hopes Greenbelters will come by the Museum on Sunday, June 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a quick walk-through of the first floor of 10-B Crescent Road. Although the Museum's lecture series has continued since the pandemic began, as have group walking tours and other Museum activities, the Museum has been cautious about reopening in an effort to keep visitors, volunteers and staff safe in the small spaces of the house. Roughly 400 square feet per floor makes social distancing difficult. The Museum was also waiting for warm enough weather that it could keep the downstairs doors open to provide maximum air circulation.

The quick tours are free and visitors do not need to sign up in advance.

However, going forward, the museum will have a timed ticket entry system that will allow them to provide a better visitor experience overall. House tour tickets (\$5 per person) must be purchased in advance at Eventbrite.com/o/greenbelt-museum-31069568151. Paid tickets for upcoming walking tours will be available on Eventbrite also, although free tours will continue on



specific dates throughout the year, including over Labor Day weekend.

Those interested in scheduling an outdoor walking tour for a group (five or more people) should contact the Museum's education/volunteer coordinator at education@greenbeltmuseum.org. Students, seniors, church groups, associations and others are welcome. The Museum requests at least two weeks' notice to allow time to schedule guides.

The Museum is currently seeking volunteer guides to give house tours and walking tours. Those who have an interest in Greenbelt history, enjoy talking with people and have free time during weekdays and/or weekends should email the Museum at education@greenbeltmuseum.org for a volunteer application form. It's not necessary to be an expert – training is provided.